

Executive Order 2004-11

Establishing the Arizona State Citizen Corps Council

WHEREAS, the mission of Citizen Corps, a United States of America (USA) Freedom Corps Initiative, is to harness the power of every individual through education, training and volunteer service to make communities safer, stronger and better prepared to respond to the threats of domestic and international terrorism, crime, public health issues and disasters of all kinds; and

WHEREAS, local Councils exist in every state of the union to address local needs for disaster preparedness; and

WHEREAS, across the State, Arizonans have responded by establishing local State Citizen Corps Councils and by participating in Citizen Corps' four programs: Community Emergency Response Teams, Medical Reserve Corps, Volunteers In Police Service and USAonWatch; and

WHEREAS, the creation of a State of Arizona Citizen Corps Council will enable the State of Arizona to provide assistance and direction to the numerous local State Citizen Corps Councils to help make Arizona safer;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Janet Napolitano, Governor of the State of Arizona, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of this State, hereby order and direct as follows:

1. The *Arizona State Citizen Corps Council* is established to develop a comprehensive, statewide plan that will advance the mission of the USA Freedom Corps Initiative and local Citizen Corps Councils across the State of Arizona, and serve as the State's liaison to national and state organizations that support the *Arizona State Citizen Corps Council's* mission.

2. The Governor of the State of Arizona shall have the sole authority to appoint the Chair and Vice-Chair of the *Arizona State Citizen Corps Council*, each of whom shall serve at the pleasure of the Governor and have the power to convene the *Arizona State Citizen Corps Council*.

3. The *Arizona State Citizen Corps Council* shall be comprised of 25 voting members, including the Chair and Vice Chair, each of whom shall be appointed by the Governor, and serve, without compensation, at the pleasure of the Governor. The *Arizona State Citizen Corps Council* membership shall, to the extent practicable, reflect the diversity of the State's population, and shall include the following individuals:

- Three (3) elected officials
- One (1) representative from the Governor's Commission on Service and Volunteerism
- One (1) representative from the Governor's Homeland Security Office / Department of Emergency and Military Affairs
- One (1) representative from an Arizona charitable organization with a focus on disaster readiness and volunteer mobilization
- Two (2) representatives from local Citizen Corps Councils
- Two (2) representatives from Medical Reserve Corps programs
- Two (2) representatives from community Emergency Response teams
- Two (2) representatives from Volunteer In Police Service programs

- Two (2) representatives from USAonWatch programs
- One (1) representative from a for-profit entity or business
- One (1) representative from a rural fire department
- One (1) County Emergency Manager
- Six (6) representatives from the community-at-large

4. Members of the *Arizona State Citizen Corps Council* shall attend meetings or send a designee in their place, and vote in person.

5. The Governor's Office for Children, Youth and Families, in partnership with the Arizona Department of Emergency and Military Affairs, may provide financial and administrative guidance and support to the *Arizona State Citizen Corps Council*.

6. The *Arizona State Citizen Corps Council* shall have the following duties and responsibilities:

- A. Identifying opportunities for local, state, tribal and federal organizations to collaborate to accomplish the primary objectives of Citizen Corps.
- B. Engaging in ongoing discussions regarding the best ways to develop and support local Citizen Corps Councils and advance the national mission of Citizen Corps across the State.
- C. Exchanging facts and information on programs to promote public awareness, training, safety and volunteer service opportunities, including Arizona's statewide 211 system.
- D. Developing and disseminating messages on safety and emergency preparedness that will be effective in engaging communities and individuals in Citizen Corps.
- E. Serving as the catalyst for engaging citizens within their areas of expertise to promote the national mission of Citizen Corps across the State.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Arizona.

GOVERNOR

DONE at the Capital in Phoenix, Arizona this ____ day of May Two Thousand Four and of the Independence of the United States the Two Hundred and Twenty Eighth.

ATTEST:

Secretary of State